**Deaths due to road accidents**

†1143. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people who died in road accidents in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that sixty per cent people of road accidents died due to lack of medical treatment;

(c) if so, the scheme formulated by Government to stop these accidents and to streamline the road transport;

(d) if so, the total amount spent on these schemes; and

(e) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the report by the States/UTs, the number of persons killed in the road accidents on all roads during the last three years *i.e.* 2003, 2004 and 2005 (the latest available data) are as under:—

| Year | Persons killed |
|---|---|
| 2003 | 85998 |
| 2004 | 92618 |
| 2005 | 94968 |

(b) The data regarding deaths of road accident victims due to lack of treatment is not compiled by this Ministry.

(c) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this department has taken several steps to improve road safety for the road users which are as under:

(i) Road safety is the integral part of the road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

(ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.

(iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and NHAI.

(v) Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the country by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation and Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

(d) and (e) The expenditure incurred on some of the schemes such as Publicity Measures and Awareness Campaign, are done in totality for the entire country and as such State-wise segregation of expenditure is not possible. The expenditure incurred on the various road safety schemes for the last three years is as under:—

| Sl. No. | Year | Expenditure incurred (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2004-05 | 34.99 |
| 2. | 2005-06 | 29.70 |
| 3. | 2006-07 | 43.25 |

**Maintenance of Delhi-Haridwar National Highway**

1144. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maintenance and upkeep of the Delhi-Haridwar National Highway is far from satisfactory making it prone to accidents and troublsome for users;

(b) if so, the reasons for its poor maintenance;

(c) the expenditure incurred for its maintenance during the years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and so far during 2007-08;

(d) whether its maintenace cost compared pooly as per national level; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps [illegible]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir. There were some damages on this National Highway (NH) during the raining season and the same has been repaired. The road is in traffic worthy condition.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The year-wise expenditure incurred for maintenance of the reach from Delhi to Haridwar is given below: